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SUBJECT:ONE WAY GLASS: CHANCERY

REF: TEL AVIV 4904

FOR RSO

1. PRINCIPLE OF ONE WAY GLASS ONLY EFFECTIVE WHEN ONE SIDE OF GLASS IS BRIGHTLY LIT, THE OTHER FAIRLY DARK.
2. DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS IN BRIGHT SUNSHINE, GLASS WOULD APPEAR MIRROR LIKE ON THE OUTSIDE AND PROBABLY PREVENT VISUAL PENETRATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, DURING CLOUDY DAYS AND AT NIGHT WHEN THERE IS MORE LIGHT IN THE OFFICES THAN OUTSIDE, THE REVERSE SITUATION WOULD BE TRUE: PEOPLE OUTSIDE COULD SEE IN BUT PEOPLE INSIDE COULD NOT SEE OUT.
3. DUE TO THE EXTREME VARIATIONS IN LIGHT CONDITIONS, DO NOT FEEL THAT THE ONE WAY GLASS (SUN SCREEN) WILL BE A RELIABLE DETERENT AGAINST VISUAL PENETRATION.
4. SY/T WOULD INSTEAD RECOMMEND THAT HEAVY DRAPES BE PROVIDED ACROSS ALL WINDOWS IN QUESTION. WHILE PREVENTING VISUAL PENETRATION, DRAPES ALSO HAVE FEATURE OF CONTAINING

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FLYING GLASS IN THE EVENT OF EXPLOSION OR THROWN OBJECT. INGERSOLL

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